

at a disadvantage, extended him upon the earth, and strangled him with his turban.

When he was dead, they sat down to the repast he had provided for them : but in a few moments the hand of death was upon them. They became pale, they shuddered ; a cold sweat covered their limbs, and they gazed at each other without power to speak. In this speechless agony of despair and horror, the struggle of nature for life was short, and both sunk down together, were convulsed, groaned, and expired.

Was this the work of a divine avenger ? Did the Almighty punish by controlling Nature, and was Justice miraculous, that guilt might tremble ?—Is not Nature the handmaid of the Almighty, and wickedness the cause of his displeasure ? Zimur had poisoned the food he had obtained, that he might the more easily secure the treasure, and get rid of his companions.

The treasure is now without a master, to whom shall it belong ? Let not your hearts, ye sons of men desire it, even in *secret*, lest the crimes ye now tremble at, ye may be ere long induced to commit yourselves, and without regret.

MORAL.

Avarice is a passion of the most alarming nature, as it often leads to the commission of the blackest crimes.

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PROVIDENCE VINDICATED;

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The ANGEL and HERMIT.

The Ways of Providence, tho' dark, are right.

AN holy Hermit being in a solitary wilderness, among other contemplations he could not but admire the methods of God's providence, how out of causes which seem bad to us he produceth often times good effects ; how he suffers virtuous, loyal and religious men to be oppressed, and others to prosper : as he was entertaining these ideas in his mind, a young man appeared to him,

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